

Fast Food Fax

MAR 21, 2005

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate. In the parts complex, breast items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were available. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Feb 26, 2005

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	26,451	23,762	51,490	101,703
Percentage	26%	23%	51%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,194	7.07
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,432	7.31
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	7,643	7.52
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	4,182	4.11
		26,451	26.01

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Jan 15	209,323	101	172,115	103	200,982	100	166,083	101	159,418	99
Jan 22	210,089	102	172,652	104	207,843	101	171,274	102	149,431	94
Jan 29	211,302	103	171,613	102	208,330	102	171,993	103	157,768	101
Feb 05	213,567	103	172,910	102	209,691	100	173,272	102	156,566	99
Feb 12	213,403	102	175,844	105	208,114	102	172,093	102	154,449	99
Feb 19	213,355	102	175,506	105	209,798	101	172,356	102	156,653	101
Feb 26	213,200	101	175,684	104	211,111	103	173,466	104	156,421	100
Mar 05	215,017	102	177,025	105	209,901	102	173,733	104	160,095	102
Mar 12	213,063	101	176,613	103	210,241	102	172,679	104	157,630	98

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 03/21/05				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	72-74	72.78	71.48	76.39
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	67-70	70.01	68.78	73.69
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	80	79.42	79.03	78.15
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		74.07	72.97	76.52
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 74.00)		73.10	72.93	72.68
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		55.71	53.59	68.48

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>03/18/05</u>	<u>03/18/05</u>	<u>03/21/05</u>
Breast - B/S	153.85	152.18	153.00
Tenderloins	155.02	154.77	176.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	92.36	93.83	87.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	31.95	30.04	32.00
Wings	103.81	100.77	106.50